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Update on progress in developing the technical expert review report template content and instructions

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Background

- The MPGs mandate the secretariat to organize the technical expert reviews (TERs), and to provide review tools and materials to the technical expert review teams (TERTs), including a detailed technical expert review report (TERR) template
- The TERTs are required to follow the TERR outline adopted by CMA 3 (decision 5/CMA.3) under the ETF



Annex VI*

Outline of the technical expert review report, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement

[English only]

Abbreviations and acronyms

I. Introduction and summary

- A. Introduction
- B. Scope
- C. Summary
- D. Information provided by the Party in regard to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraphs 143 to 145

II. Technical review of the information reported (para. 187 of the MPGs)

- A. A review of the consistency of the information submitted by the Party under Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement with the MPGs, taking into account the flexibility accorded to the Party under Article 13, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (para. 146(a) of the MPGs)
 - 1. National inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases (para. 150(a) of the MPGs)
 - 2. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement (para. 150(b) of the MPGs)
 - 3. Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement (para. 150(c) of the MPGs)
- B. Consideration of the Party's implementation and achievement of its nationally determined contribution under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement (para. 146(b) of the MPGs)
- C. Consideration of the Party's support provided, as relevant (para. 146(c) of the MPGs)
- D. Identification of areas of improvement for the Party related to implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (para. 146(d) of the MPGs)
- E. For those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities, assistance in identifying capacity-building needs (para. 146(e) of the MPGs)
- F. [Possible linkages with information relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement¹]

TERR template: Key developments

- The 2023 meeting of LRs in preparation for the ETF (“2023 LRs meeting”) elaborated the guiding principles for the development of the TERR template recalling the review scope outlined in the MPGs, including the provision on paying particular attention to the respective national capabilities and circumstances of developing country Parties and the flexibility provisions related to the technical review
- The 2023 LRs meeting requested the secretariat to operationalize these guiding principles in the review tools taking into consideration the experience gained and relevant practices developed during the BR/NC and GHG inventory reviews of developed country Parties and, in particular, the technical analysis of BURs submitted by developing country Parties

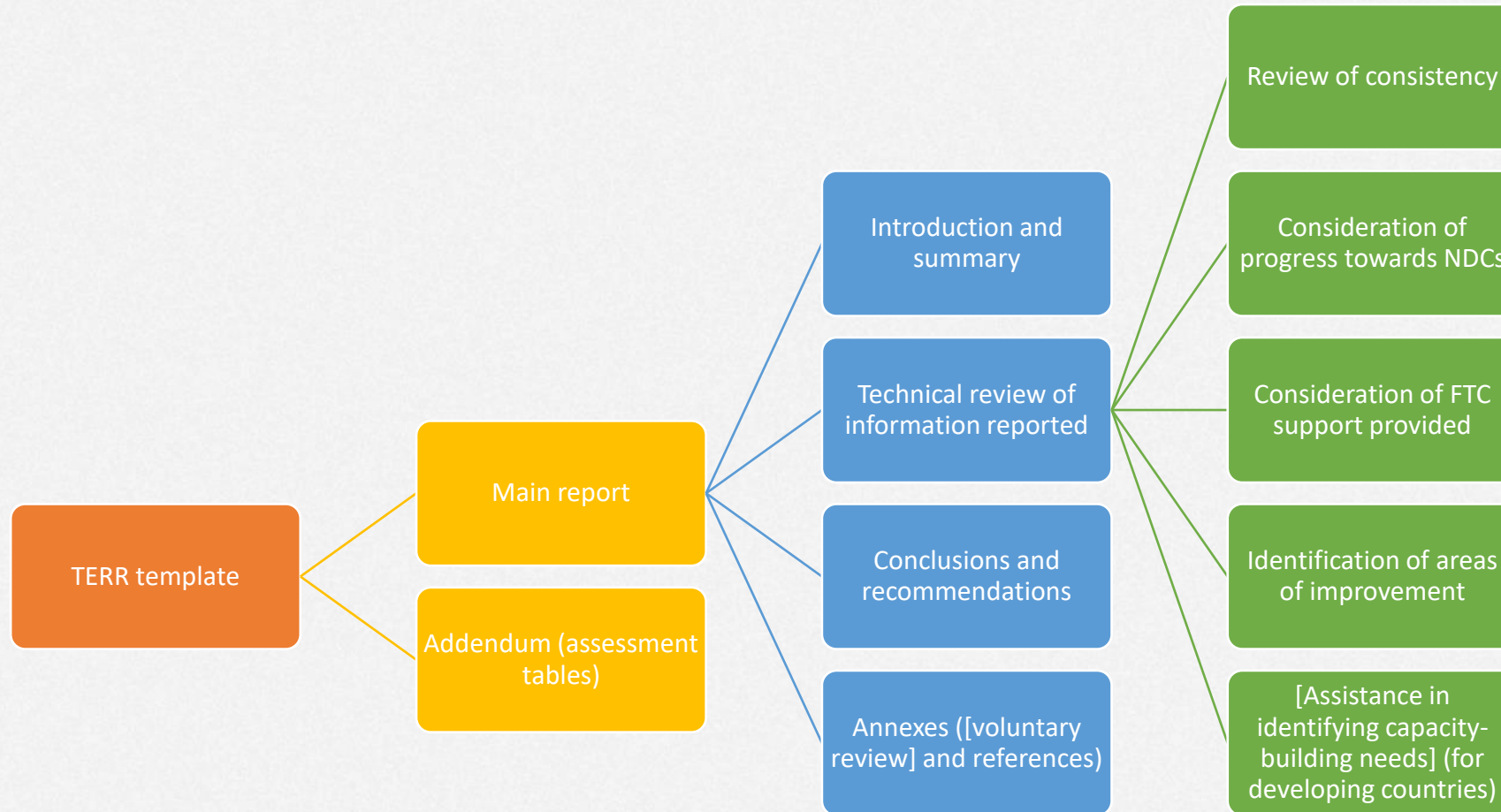


TERR template: Key developments (2)



- The secretariat has developed a the TERR template taking into considerations the guiding principles outlined in the conclusions of the 2023 LRs meeting



Structure of TERR template



Key features of TERR template

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|  | United Nations | FCCC/ETP/TERR/[1] [year] [ISO] |
|  | Framework Convention on Climate Change | Distr.: General X Month 202X English only |
| DRAFT | | |

Report on the technical expert review of the first biennial transparency report of Partyname

Summary
This report presents the results of the technical expert review of the first biennial transparency report of Partyname, conducted by a technical expert review team in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. The review took place from [X] to [X] [Year].

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Assists
the TERTs in preparing consistent, comparable, reader-friendly, and accurate documents.



Builds
on good practices in the MRV process.



Covers
the entire scope of the TERR paying particular attention to the respective national capabilities and circumstances of developing country Parties and the flexibility provisions related to the technical review



Presents
a concise analysis of information reported in the BTR without duplication.

Key features of TERR template (2)

standard template text based on relevant reporting requirements appropriate

Text in yellow to be modified for each Party under review

Secretariat instructions

I. Introduction and summary

A. Introduction secretariat

1. This report covers the technical expert review of the BTR1 of Partyname. The review was organized by the secretariat and conducted by the TERT in accordance with the MPGs,¹ particularly chapter VII thereof. Partyname, on a voluntary basis, requested the secretariat to organize a review of the information reported pursuant to chapter IV of the MPGs as part of the technical expert review.² The outcome of the voluntary review is presented in annex 1.]
2. A draft version of this report was transmitted to the Government of Partyname [which did not provide any comments][which provided comments that were taken into account, as appropriate, in this final version of the report].³
3. The review was conducted as [an in-country][a centralized][a desk] review from [date] to [date Month year] in [city], [country], [if not capital city][Bonn] by the following team of nominated experts from the UNFCCC roster of experts: [name surname] [(Party)], [name surname] [(Party)], [name surname] [(Party)] and [name surname] [(Party)]. [name surname] and [name surname] were the lead reviewers. [Include names of experts from the entire team or subteam (if work was only done in subteams, focusing on a group of Parties in a centralized review). If all experts worked on the report in some form, then include names of the entire TERT, including the REDD+ experts for the technical analysis of REDD+ results. List names in alphabetical order by surname] The review was coordinated by [name surname] and [name surname] (secretariat). [Include all the R.Os] Table 1 presents dates related to Partyname's BTR1 submission.

Table 1
Dates related to Partyname's first biennial transparency report submission

| Component | Original submission | Revised submission |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| BTR1 | | - |
| CRTs and CTF tables | | - |
| NIR [if submitted as a stand-alone document; delete otherwise] | | |
| NID | | - |
| CRTs | | - |

4. Partyname considers itself a [developed country Party][developing country Party][.][and] [an LDC][and] [a SIDS] under the Paris Agreement.
5. Partyname elected to report information on financial, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building support provided to developing country Parties under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement. After consultation with the Party, [this information][information reported pursuant to chapter [X] of the MPGs] was also subject to technical expert review and the results are included in this report.]
6. [Developing country Parties seeking to obtain and receive payments for results-based REDD+ actions can submit relevant information and data in a technical annex to the BTR.] The submission of the technical annex is voluntary and in the context of results-based payments.⁴ The technical annex submitted by Partyname was subject to technical analysis by

¹ Decision 18/CMA.1, annex.
² See decision 9/CMA.4, para. 1.

Key feature of TERR template (3)

- Summary tables on review of consistency in the main report with detailed assessment tables to be published separately as an addendum
- Assessment tables to be prepared easily from checklists (by deleting two columns)

2. Information necessary to track progress in implementing and achieving the nationally determined contribution¹⁴ [Tracking progress expert]

15. [Use the following sentences if there are no areas of improvement (probably very few Parties will be in this situation)] [The TERT assessed the information reported in the BTR1 of Partyname and recognized that the reporting is consistent with the MPGs. No areas of improvement relating to the topics discussed in this chapter of the review report were raised during the review.] [Use the following sentence if there are areas of improvement] [The TERT assessed the information reported in the BTR1 of Partyname and identified [an] area[s] of improvement relating to consistency with the MPGs, which [is][are] described in tables xx-yy of the assessment tables referred to in paragraph 11 above and summarized in table 4.]

Table 4

Information reported in Partyname's submission [to be prepared by the TERT]

| Topic | Area(s) of improvement identified [include ID#s from assessment tables related to NDC tracking progress or "No areas of improvement were identified" as relevant.] |
|--|--|
| National circumstances and institutional arrangements | [8.1, 8.2.____] [No areas of improvement were identified] |
| Description of the NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, including updates | [8.1, 8.2.____] [No areas of improvement were identified] |
| Information necessary to track progress in implementing and achieving the NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement | [8.1, 8.2.____] [No areas of improvement were identified] |
| Mitigation PaMs, actions and plans related to implementing and achieving the NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement ^[a] | [8.1, 8.2.____] [No areas of improvement were identified] |
| Summary of GHG emissions and removals | [8.1, 8.2.____] [No areas of improvement were identified] |
| Projections of GHG emissions and removals ^[a] | [8.1, 8.2.____] [No areas of improvement were identified] |

[^a The developing country Party applied flexibility in the light of its capacities with respect to this provision.]



Way forward

- The TERR template will be used in the TER of Andorra's first BTR
- The experience gained and lessons learnt in using it will inform its further refinement